[17th September 1958

Printing Press

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri K. Ramachandran who has given notice of this question is not in his seat. So, this question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

*252 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of printing presses run on co-operative basis;

(*b*) when they were started; and

(*c*) whether they are running on profit?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Eight.

(*b*) The dates on which they were started are :

1. Madras Central Co-operative Printing Press, Madras, 30th December 1919.

2. The Tanjore Co-operative Printing Press, Tanjore, 16th February 1927.

3. The Pudukkottai Co-operative Press, Pudukkottai, 13th March 1933.

4. Coimbatore Co-operative Printing Works, Coimbatore, 16th November 1933.

5. Salem Co-operative Printing Works, Limited, Salem, 29th May 1947.

6. Madurai Co-operative Printing Works, Madurai, 22nd December 1951.

7. North Arcot District Co-operative Printing Press, Vellore, 20th August 1953.

8. Ex-Servicemen Printing and Publishing Press, Nagercoil, 24th July 1955.

(*c*) Of the eight printing presses, four worked at a profit during 1956–57 as follows :—

1. Vellore Press	... ...	Profit	Rs. 1,605
2. Coimbatore Press	... ...	Profit	Rs. 12,175
3. Pudukkottai Press	... ...	Profit	Rs. 2,678
4. Salem Press	... ...	Profit	Rs. 4,236

The remaining four sustained loss during 1956–57 as follows :—

1. Madras Press	... ...	Loss	Rs. 12,467
2. Tanjore Press	... ...	Loss	Rs. 6,773
3. Nagercoil Press	... ...	Loss	Rs. 3,257
4. Madurai Press	... ...	Loss	Rs. 8,232.